

REMARKS

Prior to this response, claims 1-12, 16-18, 20, 23-28, and 34-44 were pending. The Examiner has allowed claims 1-12, 16-18, 20, 23-28, and 34, and indicated that claims 36, 37, and 39-43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. The Examiner rejected claims 35, 38, and 44. Applicants have rewritten claim 35 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 43 (now canceled). Claims 36-42 and 44 depend from amended claim 35, and should be allowable for at least the same reason as amended claim 35. Although Applicants have amended claim 35, Applicants do not acquiesce with the Examiner's position or any other positions that have not been explicitly addressed. Indeed, Applicants are considering the filing of a continuation application to pursue the subject matter covered by canceled claim 35. In addition, the applicants' amendments to the claims should not be understood as implying that no other reasons for the patentability of the claims exist.

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